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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 December 2006.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 5 is/are rejected.
7) Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 5/1 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Funamoto et al. (US 5,949,505).

Referring to Claim 1 Funamoto et al. disclose (Figs.2-4) a LCD including a light source [22] disposed along the end face of a light guide plate [20], a reflector [23a] enclosing a light source and reflecting a light emitted from the light source to the end face of the light guide and a housing including an upper case [2] and a lower case [3] and an opening portions provided on side walls of upper and lower cases against the reflector [23a].

Referring to Claim 5/1 Funamoto et al. disclose (Figs.2-4) a lighting unit and a liquid crystal panel [10] disposed on a front of the lighting device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Funamoto et al. (US 5,949,505) in view of Matsuda et al. (US 5,929,950).

Funamoto et al. disclose the instant claimed invention except for convex portion formed on a housing.

Matsuda discloses (Fig.5) a liquid crystal display including a housing having an upper frame [2], a lower frame [8], a convex portion 8a and an opening portion formed on one of surfaces of the convex portion.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the housing of the device of Funamoto et al. with convex portion, as taught by Matsuda, in order to obtain engagement between portions of the housing.

Claims 4 and 5/4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Funamoto et al. (US 5,949,505) in view of (JP 04264488).

Funamoto et al. disclose the instant claimed invention except for housing made of insulative thermally conductive material.

(JP 04264488) discloses a lamp housing made of thermally conductive resin, which, as well known in the art, is an electric insulative material.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made, to provide the housing of the device of Funamoto et al. made of thermally conductive resin, as taught by (JP 04264488), in order to prevent overheating of the device and prevent user from an electrical shock.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record fails to show a housing with a bent portion formed by inwardly bending a predetermined region and cutting a remaining portion, and a step portion formed by the bent portion, forming opening portion.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Tsidulko whose telephone number is (571) 272-2384. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for all communications.

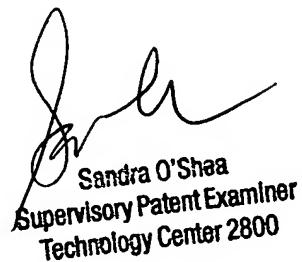
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